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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for acceptance of a claim of priority that is being presented in the above-referenced non-provisional application after the time period provided by paragraph 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii). A claim of priority, amendment adding the relate-back statement in the specification, and a request for corrected filing receipt is filed herewith. The entire delay between the date that the claim was due (April 12, 2004) and the date that the claim is being filed was unintentional.

As seen in the amendment filed herewith, the claim of priority is as follows:

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-- This is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/213,638, filed August 7, 2002, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/954,646, filed September 18, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/776,125, filed February 2, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/858,389, filed May 19, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,228,055, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/308,097, filed September 16, 1994, now abandoned. --

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee (\$1,370.00) and any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-2862.

Respectfully submitted,

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